

## A Publication of News and Events

*The past is a guidepost, not a hitching post.* **Thomas Holcroft**

*Always feel like you can call one of us (Town Commissioners) if you have a concern. We're neighbors and need to talk to each other and work together to make ours a desirable, attractive, and safe community.* **Cheryl Lewis, Town Council President**

*I want people to participate and be part of the final document.* **Cheryl Lewis, Town Council President**  
re: Trappe East Development Rights & Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA) now being reviewed for final approval

### NACE'S DAY ~ October 8, 2005 ~ Celebrating Maryland Emancipation Day

1867 – 2004 ~ The longest continuously running celebration on the Eastern Shore of Md.

Church Service 9 a.m. ~ Gravesite Visit at Noon ~ Parade at 1:00 ~ Gospel Singing at 4:00

**AS ALWAYS:** Inspirational Services, Buffalo Soldiers, Exciting Parade, Lots of Fun, Music & Great Food

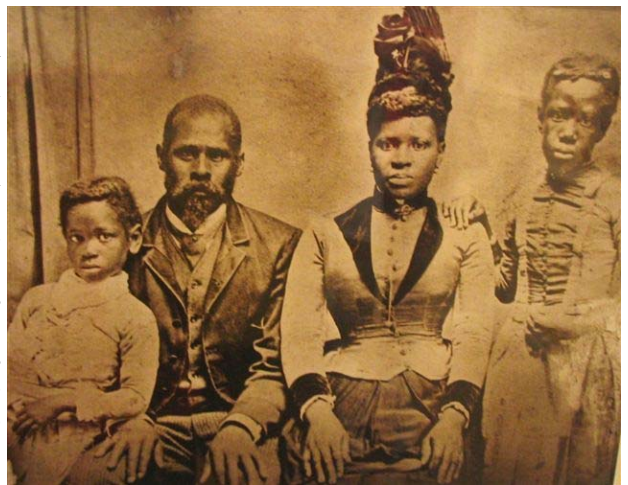


#### NEW THIS YEAR:

- Army Band and Easton High School Marching Band will participate in the parade, which begins at 1:00 p.m.
- Gospel Singing in the Old Ball Park on Main St. beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- On Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., Scotts United Methodist Church will host the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Nathaniel Hopkins Scholarship Banquet**. A catered meal will be served, including chicken, roast beef, green vegetable, parsley, red potatoes, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Tickets are \$20 and proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund. For more information, please contact Violece Brown 410.820.8890 or Diane Thomas 410.822.2953.

For more information about Nace's Day activities, please contact Scotts United Methodist Church at 410.476.3980 or [sumc@goeaston.net](mailto:sumc@goeaston.net).

**Nathaniel Hopkins** (pictured here with his wife Caroline and 2 of their 6 children) was born a slave in Trappe around 1831. He was affectionately known throughout Talbot County as "Uncle Nace." After serving the Union army in the Civil War, Hopkins returned to Talbot County to work for the betterment of the newly-free black population in the southern area of the county, including the establishment and construction of Trappe's first black school in 1878. In 1867, he founded Emancipation Day in Talbot County, to celebrate Maryland's emancipation of its slaves, which occurred on November 1, 1864 with the adoption of the new state constitution. This momentous event marked Maryland as the first slave state to voluntarily free its slaves by popular vote (Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 had only freed slaves in states of rebellion, of which Maryland was not one). Trappe's Emancipation Day festivities included church services, speakers, food, music, and a parade. Every year, Hopkins himself led the parade, dressed in his full Union army uniform, with his epaulets adorning his shoulders, a colorful sash around his waist, and his gleaming sword in hand. Upon his death in 1900, the citizens of Trappe decided to continue the tradition of the Emancipation Day festivities. "Uncle Nace" and his contributions to the post-emancipation black community are remembered to this day every October on what is now known as "Nace Hopkins Day."



Photograph courtesy of Talbot County Historical Society

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## NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

**Town Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public.** Citizens are encouraged to attend to be informed and give input. Meeting agendas are posted outside Town Hall every Friday, and items are added as requested (which can be as late as Wednesday morning) and re-posted with each change. An early agenda is posted on the Town website, but may not always include the latest changes. Stop by the Town Hall on Wednesday evenings and learn first-hand about the many happenings in our town. For more information, call the Town Clerk at 410.476.3170.



- **Town Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm**
- **Planning Commission Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm**
- **Public Hearings, Public Workshops, Special Appeals Hearings, etc. are scheduled as needed, and are often held prior to regular meetings shown above**

**Street Repairs:** Funding has been approved for a \$200,000 line of credit for street repairs, including resurfacing Maple Avenue and Hennissee Lane. Bids are being taken, with the intention of completing these two roads before winter. At the request of residents, street lighting on Hennissee Lane will also be improved.

**Street Signs:** It was agreed that although the town's existing carved, wooden street signs are attractive, their susceptibility to vandalism, inadequate durability, and replacement cost (\$156 per sign) have made it cost prohibitive to continue to replace them. Don English obtained two bids from local suppliers for standard metal, green & white street signs at a cost of \$20-40 each if purchased 50 at a time. It was agreed that new signs would be ordered and those not needing immediate installation will be stored as necessary. The new signs can be installed on the existing sign posts and the possibility of adding a partridge decal will be investigated.

**Swearing in of New Committee Members:** New committee members were sworn in to fill vacancies on the Ethics Boards and Parks & Rec Board. Elizabeth Ferguson and Carol Lange joined the Ethics Board and John Farwell replaced Janis Lester (who has moved to Easton) on the Parks & Rec Board.

**Trappe East Development Rights & Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA):** The Town's attorney's presented a preliminary final draft of the final DRRA for Town Council review. The DRRA outlines the specifics of the Annexation and PND Agreements. The town and the developer are working with Talbot County and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) on issues regarding water & sewer. The DRRA will be discussed further at the October town meeting. Review by the Town Council aims to affirm that the DRRA agreement is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, Annexation Agreement, and specific relevant points required by the Town, including those listed below:

- Within 90 days of the Project's groundbreaking, at Developer's cost and expense, Developer will demolish the current Town Office building and commence construction on a new Town Office building at the present location. The 4,320-square-foot building will have two stories of 2160 square feet each with an elevator. At a minimum, this new building will contain space for the town and water & sewer clerks, the town planner, the town commissioners, the future police/security office and a larger town meeting hall to comfortably accommodate town citizens.
- The developer will provide start up cost for a town Police Department/Security Office, consisting of three officers for a one-year period or one officer for a three-year period.
- The developer will design and fund the widening of the garage doors on the existing Trappe Volunteer Fire Department building to better accommodate the newer vehicles. The developer will also fund the addition of a sensor switch to control the lights on Route 50 during emergency calls.
- The developer will continue to provide funds to the Town for the employment of a Town Planner.
- The Town will establish and administer a Town Center Enterprise Fund. Upon the issuance of each Residential Building Permit the developer will pay \$1500 to this fund.
- The developer will dedicate to the Town a minimum of two (2) acres near the La Trappe Heights development for a park.
- All infrastructure cost in the new development will be borne by the Developer and/or Home Owners.
- The Developer agrees that a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the unimproved residential building lots within the Project shall be offered for sale to the public generally to facilitate construction diversity.
- The Development will consist of Phases or Subdivisions, with the total homes to be from 2226 to 2501 at build out. The maximum number of age-restricted dwellings shall not exceed 50% of the total development.
- All HOAs in the development will collect \$100 per year from each home owner to be donated annually to the TVFD.
- There will be a Public Works Parcel dedicated to the Town along with a 3000 square foot public works/administrative building, a 900 square foot pad for outside storage and additional building space for an ambulance bay with accompanying apartment for an ambulance crew. The Town will be supplied with a street sweeper and a front-end loader/backhoe.
- Any relocation of gravesites located in the development area will be presented as part of PUD plan review. Any relocation must be with Town approval and be within town boundaries.
- Developer agrees to construct all improvements required by SHA and the Town for three Route 50 locations: Northern Project entrance, Piney Hill Road, Barber Road along with the Southern entrance to be located on Barber Road.
- All Water & Wastewater infrastructure, including plant, lab and office, will be built to the Town Engineers Specifications and will be dedicated to the Town at a time agreeable to both parties.
- After the initial 500 residential building permits have been issued, an impact fee of \$2761 will be assessed on all remaining residential building permits as they are issued.

This is a summary of items found in the proposed DRRA and in no way represents any agreement. Please refer to the actual DRRA for details.



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MITCHUM'S MARKETPLACE

MAIN STREET ELEVATION

**PUBLIC HEARING: October 6, 2005, 6:00 p.m., Trappe Fire House** Renewal of Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) State Permit for the EXISTING Wastewater Treatment Plan on Hennissee Avenue.

- For more information or to read the regulations in their entirety, please visit or call the Town Office**

- The town recommends that town residents take advantage of the recycle drop offs located by the Trappe Fire House and Shore Stop. By using the recycle drop offs for glassware, newspapers, plastic items, etc, we will reduce the cost of trash collections, keeping down tax rates. REMEMBER: leaves make an excellent addition to your mulch or compost pile, and maybe some of those unwanted bulk pickup items could be donated to “Martha’s Closet” at Trappe United Methodist Church. Call 410.476.3384



**Mary R. Scott Chase (1908-2005), granddaughter of the great historian, Nathaniel Hopkins.**

God blessed my mother to be 98 years of age. She attended Island Creek Neck School in Trappe. Her favorite subject in school was spelling. Dodge ball was her favorite sport. She married the late Josiah Chase in 1923. They had 14 children, 29 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, 15 great great grandchildren.

She was a faithful member of Scotts United Methodist Church since 1926. She was a member of the Senior Choir, Senior Usher Board, Membership Committee, Young at Heart, and Nace's Day Committee. She also participated in the church rallies contest and sold dinners to support the church activities.

Her hobbies were knitting, playing games, reciting poems, singing, and cooking. This beautiful lady was known to be one of the best cooks during her younger life, known especially for her fried chicken, yeast rolls, and all types of desserts (yummy rice pudding). She worked very hard on various jobs in Talbot County, including cooking in such places as the Tred Avon Yacht Co., Mason's, and Robert Morris Inn. She had an outstanding personality. Laughing and joking were part of her wonderful characteristics. The doors of her home were always open to everyone, feeding numerous family, friends, and even strangers. Most of all, she enjoyed God, her children and grandchildren. The Chase Family salutes 'Mamma' as one of our town's strong black women. We love her and pray that God will continue to smile upon her.

**Photograph & story courtesy of Mrs. Elizabeth Blackwell**

## CHURCH NEWS . . .

### Community Worship Service to Mark Sept 11 Anniversary

On Sept. 11, 2005, Immanuel Wesleyan, Scotts UMC, Faith Chapel UMC, and Trappe worshiped together as one church at Home-run Baker Park. The preacher of the day was Rev. Cindy Burkert, and a combined choir provided the music. Afterwards a box lunch was served. More than 150 people attended. The offering of more than \$1,100 was divided between Talbot Assoc. of Clergy and Laity's Good Samaritan Fund and U. Methodist Katrina relief efforts. Photographs from the service can be seen via the *Photo Gallery* link at [www.trappefaithchapel.org](http://www.trappefaithchapel.org).



### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

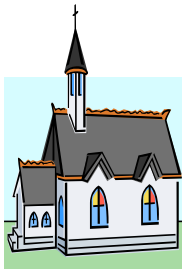
#### Welcomes Rev. Edward Stone Gleason

Rev. Edward (Ted) Gleason and his wife, Ann, have arrived in Trappe and will be moving into the rectory once renovations are completed. Rev. Gleason began serving the church on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Prior to coming to St. Paul's Rev. Gleason had a distinguished career with the Episcopal Church, including positions at Forward Movement Publications, the Episcopal Church publishing house, as headmaster of a secondary school outside Boston, and Director of Development and a faculty member at Virginia Theological Seminary, from which he also holds a doctorate degree. Rev. Gleason was a Founding Rector at St. Peters Church in Arlington, Virginia and has authored three books, *Redeeming Marriage* (1988,) *Dying We Live* (1990), and *New Life* (2005). He is currently writing a book of prayer. Ann Gleason works in the field of early childhood development and worked with special needs children for part of her career. The Gleasons have three daughters and six grandchildren. The couple is enjoying small town life, especially their daily walks through our lovely countryside. "Everywhere I look," says Mrs. Gleason, "I see a new poem!"



**St. Paul's Preschool** is a state-approved program for three and four year olds. Come join us for a fun-filled learning experience. Conveniently located on Main Street, St. Paul's is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. For more information, contact Lori Hemming at 410.476.4465 or [lhemming@closecall.com](mailto:lhemming@closecall.com).

On Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> students and parents of St. Paul's Preschool are invited to a **Dedication of the Preschool** for the coming year, followed by a luncheon.



### TRAPPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Cindy Burkert has traveled to Jordan in the Middle East for 2 weeks, returning Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. (Rev. Hackett and Rev. Dale Brown covered in her absence.) You can keep up with Rev. Burkert's trip at the following blog: [travelinjack.blogspot.com](http://travelinjack.blogspot.com). Look for a report on this & other trips in a future issue of the *Index*.

TUMC is collecting **health kits for hurricane survivors**. Instructions for donations are available on the church website, [www.trappefaithchapel.org](http://www.trappefaithchapel.org).

**NEW BIBLE STUDIES:** "Methodism 101" Wednesday evenings BEGINNING OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> (except 2<sup>nd</sup> week of month) 7:15-8:30 p.m. Drop-ins welcome.

**\*\* Anyone interested in an 8-week intensive survey of the Old Testament, please contact Rev. Cindy Burkert or Tonya Pritchett (SUMC) ASAP with preferred times (day or evening). We hope to start in October and conclude mid-December. For more information, please call Cindy at 410.476.3384 ([pastorcindy@dmv.com](mailto:pastorcindy@dmv.com)) or Tonya at 410.476.3980**



### Faith Chapel Homecoming

Sunday Oct. 16, 2005, 2 PM

Rev. Henry Charlton, speaker

Special Music by

Old Friends Gospel Group and Trappe UMC Choir  
Covered dish picnic following the service





### 'THE LITTLE MARKET THAT CAN'

It looks like things are happening on the corner of Main and Maple. The town of Trappe will soon be able to buy quality food in their own downtown.

**Mitchum's Market** is scheduled to open on Tuesday, October 11th at 7am. It will be a soft opening with a limited menu. A Grand Opening will be planned in the near future. Their regular business hours will be Tuesday through Saturday 7 am to 7 pm, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The lunch menu includes specialty items such as a Grilled Belmont Steak sandwich, Pulled Pork BBQ and Chicken BBQ, along with fresh homemade salads and soups. The Create Your Own Sandwich is sure to please. Mitchum's is dedicated to serving fresh homemade wholesome foods.



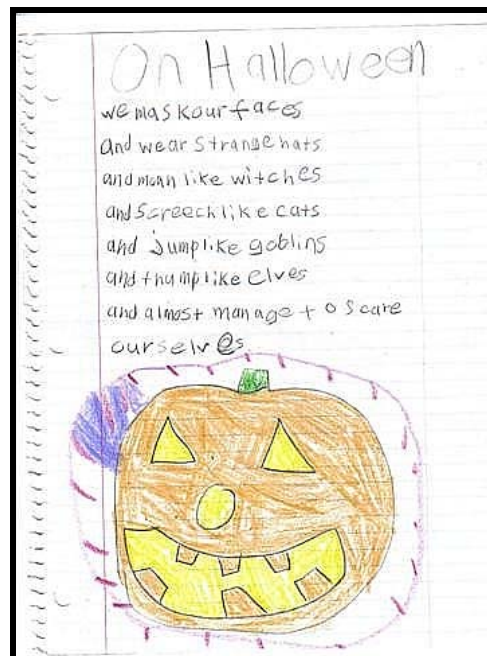
photograph courtesy of Frank Hall

Doll crib, doll highchair, wooden kitchen items, and more! The Town Office is selling chances on these items hand-made by our Assistant Wastewater Superintendent, Steve Callahan. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held at the Town Meeting on December 7th.

**For more information please stop by or call the Town Office at 410.476.3170**

### FOR SALE

Used Washing Machine in Fine Condition. \$75 o.b.o. Call Ann or Richard Dorbin 410.476.3910.



A Halloween poem by a WMES student

### Local Woman to run in Marine Corps "Marathon of the Monuments" to Benefit Autism Research

Photo and story by Leslie Hamburger

On Oct. 30th, I am running my first full marathon—the Marine Corps "Marathon of the Monuments" in Washington, D.C. I'm excited about this personal challenge, which includes raising money for The Organization for Autism Research (OAR). My goal for the marathon is to finish . . . standing up! As I train for this event, cars pass me all the time with smiling faces, hands waving—friends, acquaintances, and even total strangers. This is a small town. I do a lot of waving as I'm running!

One in four people in the United States knows someone with autism. For those of you who don't know what autism is, it is a neurological disorder that affects a child's/adult's ability to communicate and interact socially. It is more prevalent than Down Syndrome, childhood diabetes and childhood cancer combined. OAR is able to award grants for applied research pilot studies, publish community-friendly resource guides, and host the annual



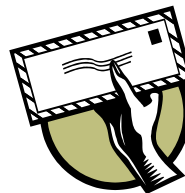
Leslie Hamburger (on left) at the San Diego half-marathon

Applied Autism Research and Intervention Conference in Arlington, Virginia.

Please consider making a donation at my personal fundraising web site: <http://www.justgiving.com/pfp/lach>. Donating through this site is simple, fast and totally secure. It is also the most efficient way to make a contribution to my fundraising efforts. Or, you can send a check to:

Organization for Autism Research  
2000 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 480  
Arlington, VA 22201

If you send a check, include a note with the following information: my name (runner's name = Leslie Hamburger) and the name and date of the marathon: Marine Corps Marathon, Oct. 30th. My fundraising goal is to raise \$1,000. For more information on the marathon, you can check out the web site: <http://www.marinemarathon.com/index.php> or contact me at 410-820-7511 or email [nativecalif@netscape.net](mailto:nativecalif@netscape.net). Many thanks for your support!



### Letters to the Editor . . .

Regarding last month's Photo Contest entry of the woman at the snack bar, the lady in the photo is Nora Saulsbury. She was Pearl Lyons' sister. Pearl lived in Trappe on Maple Avenue. I am Pearl Lyons' granddaughter.

(from Debby J. Geist)

Our Tuesday Bible Study has been going for over 7 years and shows no signs of slowing down. Thank you for keeping it on the Index calendar.









(from Elizabeth Ferguson)

# October 2005



*Autumn is a second spring  
when every leaf is a flower.*

Albert Camus

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Emmanuel Wesleyan</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Fellowship 5:15 pm Eve Service 6 pm  <b>Scott's UMC</b> Sunday Service 9 am Oct 16 Men's Revival  <b>St Paul's</b> Holy Eucharist 9 am Sunday School 9 am Oct 9 -Dedication of Preschool and Lunch  <b>Trappe UMC</b> Sunday School 9:45 am Service 11 am Fellowship 12 pm  <b>Faith Chapel</b> Service 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 Homecoming Oct 16	<b>St. Paul's Pre-School</b> 8:45 - 11:45 am Mon - Fri  <b>EHS Guidance Evening</b> Hours 3 - 6 pm  3 Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown TCPS Interim report cards SUMC Brown Family & Friends Day  Columbus Day 10 Town Office Closed WMES Off-campus Drill Brownie & Jr Girl Scouts WMES 6:30 pm EHS 7 pm SOS  17 National Bosses Day is Oct 16th celebrated on Oct 17th EHS Fall Pictures SUMC Men's Revival	<b>Bible Study</b> Hosted By Drake & Elizabeth 129299 Maple Ave 1 pm Every Tuesday All are welcome!!  4 Ramadan Begins SUMC 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study EHS 7 pm Band Boosters Mtg  11 WMES 10 am Grandparents Club Mtg  <b>TVFD Meeting 8:00 pm</b>  18 SUMC 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study SUMC Men's Revival	 5 Rosh Hashanah Ends WMES PTO Mtg 7 pm  <b>Trappe Town Council Meeting</b> <b>At 7:30 pm</b>  12 Yom Kippur begins at Sundown Lions Club Mtg 6:30 pm MidShore Rep Wmn 7 pm UMWomen 7 pm  19 <b>Trappe Planning Commission 7:30 pm</b> SUMC Men's Revival	 6 Public Hearing Trappe MDE Permit Renewal Fire House 6 pm AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's  13 EMS Parent Coffee 7:30 am AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's EHS After Grad Mtg EHS Media Center  20 TCPS Schools Closed Parent Conferences AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's SUMC Men's Revival	<b>October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b>  7 WMES Sally Foster Fundraiser Starts SUMC Nace's Day Banquet 6 PM WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15 pm  14  WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15 pm  21 TCPS Schools Closed MSTa Meetings WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15 pm SUMC Men's Revival	1 TVFD Monthly Alert Siren Test  8 Trappe UMC 7:30-10 Church Breakfast <b>NACE'S DAY</b> 9 am Church Service 1 pm Parade 4 pm Gospel Singing  15 NJROTC Car Show Easton High School Parking Lot 1 pm-5 pm   <b>Trappe UMC</b> 7:30-10:00 am Country Church Breakfast / Yard Sale 7:30 pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Youth Group
23   <b>Daylight Savings</b> <b>Time Ends October</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup>: REMEMBER</b> <b>TO SET YOUR</b> <b>CLOCKS BACK</b> <b>("FALL BEHIND").</b>	24 Brownie & Jr Girl Scouts WMES 6:30 pm  31 Trick or Treating will be held Mon, Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.	25 Talbot County Council Meetings Are held on Tuesdays Times and Agendas Can be found on the Web <a href="http://www.talbgov.org">www.talbgov.org</a>	26 Lions Club Mtg 6:30 pm   <b>Post Office</b> <b>Basket Drawing</b> <b>October 31st</b>	<b>SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b> <b>October 24, 2005</b> <b>Trappeindex</b> <b>@verizon.net</b> <b>or 410-476-3910</b>	<div> <div>  </div> <div> <b>Local Church/Bible Study/Programs</b>   <b>Trappe United Methodist Church</b>                      Wednesday Martha's Closet Yard Sale                      Open 8:30 am - Noon                      Wednesday 6:30 pm Worship/Communion                      Wednesday 7:15 pm Evening Bible Study                      1st, 2nd, 4th Thursday :                      6 pm Youth Instrument Choir                      7 pm Choir practice   <b>Scotts United Methodist Church</b>                      Wednesdays 11 am Young @ Heart                      Wednesdays 2 pm Midday Study                      Wednesdays 7 pm Evening Study                      Thursday 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept.                 </div> </div>	



Trappe Volunteer Fire Department invites you to a HALLOWEEN PARTY on October 31, 2005 from 6-8pm. Come have a snack, rest your feet and/or socialize with the locals. Family fun for all!

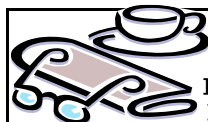


## Suicide Bridge Restaurant Dinner Raffle

Sponsored by Trappe Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Drawing to be held Saturday, October 22, 2005 Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00  
For more information contact Richard Johns at 410-476-3957 or George McCracken at 410-476-3104

Thinking about Christmas??? Longeberger Basket Lottery tickets make a great stocking stuffer or something small for that secret pal at work. The basket lottery will be held the whole month of January 2006. A basket will be given away every day for the whole month, winning ticket based on the evening lottery drawing for that day. Tickets \$5 each. Call Tammy at 410-820-2979 or Kari at 410-476-3882.



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Trappe Post Office would like to thank the community for allowing us to serve you. Saturday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> was our Second Annual Customer Appreciation Day. It was indeed a success! Thank you Seasonal Flowers for your donation. Door Prize winners were: Jack Burkert, Michael/Karen Feather, Mrs. Cecil Brown, Steve Ambus, Royce Geist, Hidefumi Wiegert, and Carole Keyser.

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month is October**  
Purchase a book of breast cancer stamps, lapel pin, ink pen, or even a teddy bear and get your name entered into our basket give away. Drawing for Basket Give-away will be October 31, 2005. Customers need not be present to win.